



THE NORTH WIND & THE SUN Adapted from The North Wind & The Sun

CAST LIST:

Narrator
North Wind
Sun
Traveler

Notes on Vocabulary:

In Vain: When an attempt is made but the desired result doesn't happen

Wager: A bet on the outcome of an event or test

NARRATOR: One day the North Wind and the Sun had a quarrel about which of them was the stronger. While they were disputing with much heat and bluster, a Traveler passed along the road wrapped in a cloak.

TRAVELER: Humming to self

SUN: Let us agree that he is the stronger who can strip that Traveler of his cloak.

NORTH WIND: Very well.

SOUND: *Strong blast of Wind*

NARRATOR: With the first gust of wind, the ends of the cloak whipped about the Traveler's body.

TRAVELER: Woah! Woah! Ah, let me just grab hold more firmly to wrap myself a bit better against such a fierce, sudden wind.

SOUND: *A swell of wind, then Wind blowing harder behind the Narrator's following lines.*

NARRATOR: The harder the Wind blew, the tighter the Traveler held on to the cloak. The North Wind tore angrily at the cloak, but the efforts were in vain.



SOUND: *A final blast of wind.*

TRAVELER: Woah... must keep my cloak on tight. Brrr!

NORTH WIND: Harrumph!

SUN: My turn!

NARRATOR: Then the Sun began to shine. At first his beams were gentle, and in the pleasant warmth after the bitter cold of the North Wind, the Traveler unfastened his cloak and let it hang loosely from his shoulders.

TRAVELER: Ahhh, that's an improvement! My, such changeable weather this morning... (humming)

NARRATOR: The Sun's rays grew warmer and warmer. The man took off his cap and mopped his brow.

TRAVELER: Phew! It is surely getting warmer now.

NARRATOR: At last he became so heated that he pulled off his cloak, and, to escape the blazing sunshine, threw himself down in the welcome shade of a tree by the roadside.

TRAVELER: I suppose now is as good a time as any for a bit of a rest.

NORTH WIND: And *I* suppose you have won the wager - this time, Sun!

NARRATOR: And so North Wind learned Aesop's lesson that often;

SUN: Gentleness and kind persuasion win...

NORTH WIND:where force and bluster fail.

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